1956

- Elvis gyrates on Ed Sullivan Show
- Khrushchev denounces Stalin
- Suez Crisis
- Velcro introduced
- Passage of the Library Services Act (LSA), making first federal funds available to public libraries



- Infant mortality rate: 2.63 percent
- 13-year-old Bobby Fischer emerges as chess champion
- Dr. Seuss publishes The Cat in the Hat
- Soviet satellite Sputnik launches Space Age
- First nuclear power plant constructed



- Boris Pasternak publishes, Dr. Zhivago
- "Beatnik" movement, starting in California, spreads across US and Europe
- Hula Hoops popular
- Lego toy bricks first introduced
- NASA founded



